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GOAL 1 Ready to Learn

1. Reduced percentage of infants born with 1 or more health risks? (1990, 1995)	42%	40%	↑	37%	34%	↑	25-48%	24-46%	38%	35%
2. Increased percentage of 2-year-olds immunized? (1994, 1996)	71%	75%	↔	75%	78%	↑	61-88%	64-88%	76%	79%
3. Reduced number of infants (per 1,000) born with low birthweight? (1990, 1995)	82	82	↔	70	73	↓	48-151	53-134	71	75
4. Increased number of mothers (per 1,000) receiving early prenatal care? (1990, 1995)	708	766	↑	758	813	↑	469-868	560-900	778	828
5. Increased number of children with disabilities in preschool (per 1,000)? (1991, 1996)	45	70	↑	*	*		16-68	16-92	38	47

GOAL 2 School Completion

6. Increased high school completion rate? (1990, 1995)	87%	87%	↔	86%	86%	↔	77-96%	79-96%	87%	88%
7. Reduced high school dropout rate? (1992, 1994)•	4%	5%	↓	*	*		3-12%	3-10%	5%	5%

GOAL 3 Student Achievement and Citizenship

8. Increased reading achievement in Grade 4? (1992, 1994)•	23%	24%	↔	29%	30%	↔	8-38%	8-41%	26%	27%
9. Increased mathematics achievement•										
• in Grade 4? (1992, 1996)	10%	13%	↔	18%	21%	↑	5-27%	3-31%	16%	20%
• in Grade 8? (1990, 1996)	9%	13%	↑	15%	24%	↑	1-27%	5-34%	15%	22%
10. Increased science achievement in Grade 8? (1996)	22%	—		29%	—		5-41%	—	27%	—

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* Comparable national data are not available.

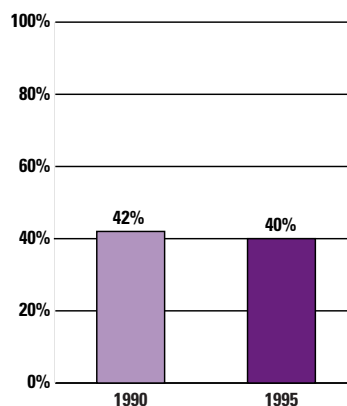
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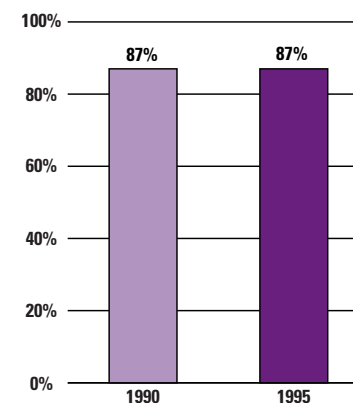
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Children's Health Index
Percentage of infants born with 1 or more health risks¹ (Indicator 1)



¹ Includes late (in third trimester) or no prenatal care, low maternal weight gain (less than 21 pounds), mother smoked during pregnancy, or mother drank alcohol during pregnancy.

High School Completion
Percentage of all 18- to 24-year-olds¹ who have a high school credential² (Indicator 6)



¹ Does not include those still in high school.

² Includes traditional high school diploma and alternative credential.

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GOAL 3 Student Achievement and Citizenship (continued)

11. Increased the number of Advanced Placement examinations receiving a grade of 3 or higher (per 1,000)? (1991, 1997)^o

15	28	↑	55	85	↑	9-177	18-223	41	65
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GOAL 4 Teacher Education and Professional Development

12. Increased the percentage of public secondary school teachers who hold
- a degree in main teaching assignment? (1991, 1994)
 - a teaching certificate in main teaching assignment? (1991, 1994)
13. Increased the percentage of public school teachers participating in professional development on 1 or more selected topics? (1994)
14. Increased the percentage of public school teachers with training to teach limited English-proficient students? (1994)
15. Increased the percentage of beginning public school teachers participating in a formal teacher induction program? (1991, 1994)

62%	60%	↔	66%	63%	↓	51-85%	50-81%	69%	64%
98%	97%	↔	94%	93%	↓	91-100%	89-100%	98%	97%
84%	—		85%	—		76-98%	—	86%	—
6%	—		16%	—		4-81%	—	16%	—
15%	14%	↔	22%	27%	↑	6-42%	7-48%	20%	23%

GOAL 5 Mathematics and Science

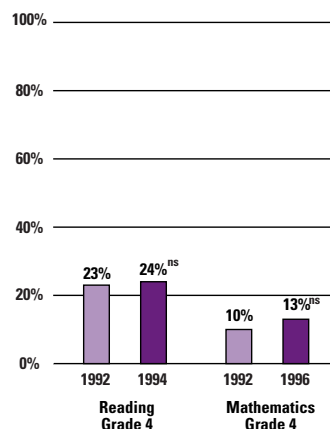
16. International comparisons in mathematics and science will be reported in future Goals Panel reports.[∞]

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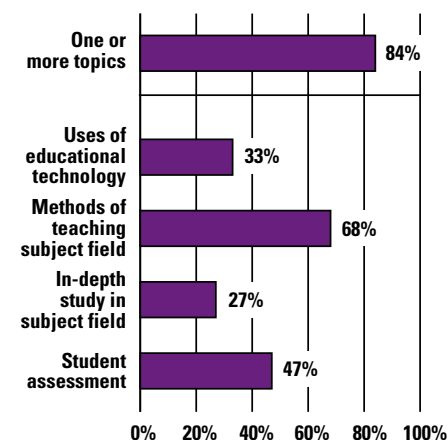
Student Achievement
Percentage of public school students who met the Goals Panel's performance standard¹ in reading and mathematics (Indicators 8 & 9)



¹ A complete description of the performance standard can be found in Appendix C.

^{ns} Interpret with caution. Change was not statistically significant.

Professional Development
Percentage of public school teachers participating in professional development on the following topics, 1994 (Indicator 13)



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^o See Table 8 for the numbers for each subject area.

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[∞] This information had not been released when the 1997 Goals Report went to print.

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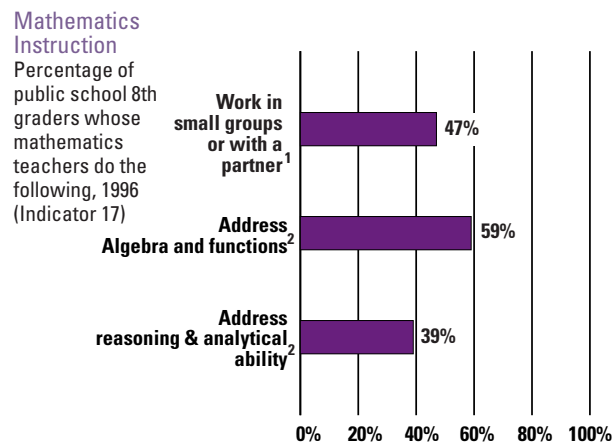
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GOAL 5 Mathematics and Science (continued)										
17. Increased the percentage of public school 8th graders whose mathematics teachers										
• have students work in small groups or with a partner? (1996)	47%	—		66%	—		45-92%	—	67%	—
• address Algebra and functions? (1996)	59%	—		57%	—		45-82%	—	58%	—
• address reasoning and analytical ability? (1996)	39%	—		52%	—		39-64%	—	48%	—
18. Increased the percentage of public school 8th graders who have computers available in their mathematics classroom? (1996)	23%	—		30%	—		7-54%	—	30%	—
19. Increased mathematics and science degrees awarded to										
• all students? (1991, 1995)	32%	37%	↑	39%	42%	↑	25-49%	15-53%	39%	42%
• minorities (Black, Hispanic, American Indian/Alaskan Native)? (1991, 1995)	31%	33%	↑	39%	40%	↑	22-64%	22-57%	39%	39%
• female students? (1991, 1995)	28%	32%	↑	35%	37%	↑	23-46%	13-47%	33%	36%
GOAL 6 Adult Literacy and Lifelong Learning										
20. Increased adult literacy? (1992)	—	—		52%	—		46-77%	—	53%	—
21. Increased the percentage of U.S. citizens										
• registered to vote? (1988, 1992)	68%	67%	↔	70%	73%	↑	58-95%	63-92%	71%	75%
• voting? (1988, 1992)	56%	58%	↔	61%	66%	↑	50-74%	55-77%	62%	68%
22. Increased postsecondary enrollment? (1992, 1994)	46%	48%	✱	**	**		33-68%	37-71%	53%	55%

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¹ At least once a week.

² On a 4-point scale from "none" to "a lot," defined as a response to the top point.

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✱ Sample size does not permit a reliable estimate of change.

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GOAL 7 Safe, Disciplined and Alcohol- and Drug-free Schools

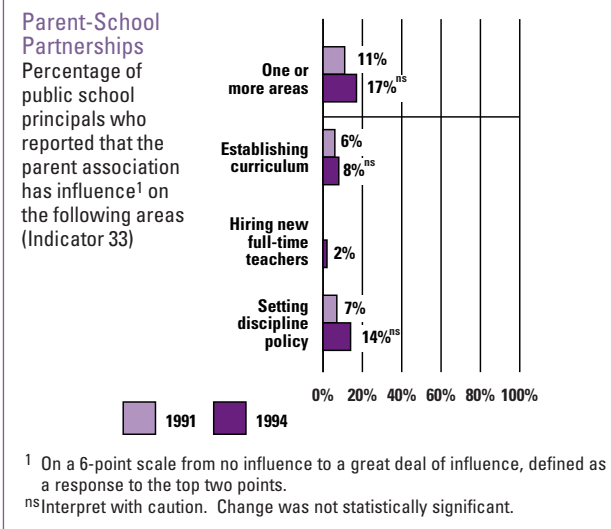
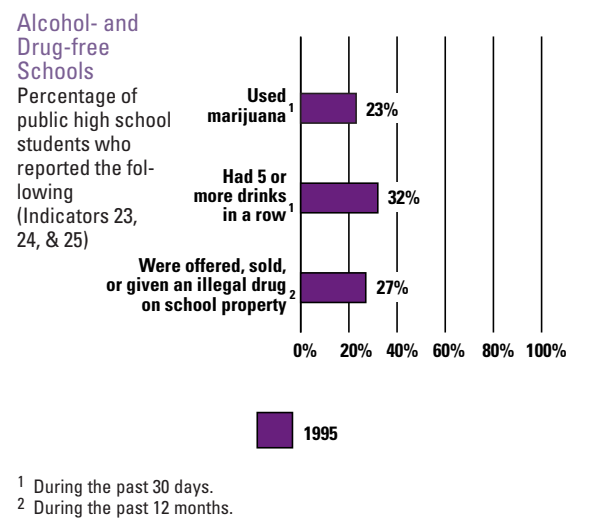
23. Reduced marijuana use? (1995) •	23%	—		**	**	7-32%	—	23%	—	
24. Reduced alcohol use (more than 5 drinks in a row)? (1995) •	32%	—		**	**	13-43%	—	31%	—	
25. Reduced availability of drugs on school property? (1995) •	27%	—		**	**	20-46%	—	30%	—	
26. Reduced students threatened or injured with a weapon while on school property? (1995) •	9%	—		**	**	4-11%	—	8%	—	
27. Reduced physical fights on school property? (1995) •	17%	—		**	**	12-19%	—	15%	—	
28. Reduced students carrying weapons on school property? (1995) •	11%	—		**	**	7-14%	—	11%	—	
29. Reduced students not feeling safe at school? (1995) •	5%	—		**	**	3-16%	—	5%	—	
30. Reduced teacher victimization? (1994)	15%	—		15%	—	8-26%	—	14%	—	
31. Reduced student disruptions? (1991, 1994)	34%	45%	↓	37%	46%	↓	23-60%	33-65%	37%	47%

GOAL 8 Parental Participation

32. Decreased schools with minimal parental involvement									
• Teacher's perspective? (1991, 1994)	30%	29%	↔	**	**	9-44%	13-50%	23%	27%
• Principal's perspective? (1991, 1994)	20%	22%	↔	**	**	4-22%	3-27%	13%	13%
33. Increased influence of parent associations? (1991, 1994)	11%	17%	↔	**	**	8-37%	12-50%	16%	22%

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